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SUBJECT:LOCAL PERSONNEL MILITARY LEAVE

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1. CONCERNED AREAS OF DEPARTMENT HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS REVIEWED POSSIBILITIES FOR PROVIDING FINANCIAL RELIEF FOR RECENTLY MOBILIZED GREEK LOCALS AND HAVE CONSISTENTLY DETERMINED THAT U.S. CODE PROHIBITS PAYMENTS TO EMBASSY EMPLOYEES CALLED TO SERVICE IN GREEK ARMED FORCES. IMPLICATIONS OF RETAINING U.S. ANNUAL AND SICK LEAVE ACT FOR GREEK LOCALS HAVE BEEN MADE CLEAR TO EMBASSY IN NUMEROUS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNICATIONS AMONG WHICH STATE 174791 OF AUGUST 1974 AND STATE 136183 OF JULY 1972.

2. AMENDMENT TO FSL LEAVE SYSTEM SUGGESTED BY REFTEL
CANNOT BE AUTHORIZED AS 3 FAM 461.1 APPLIES ONLY TO U.S.
CITIZEN EMPLOYEES SERVING IN U.S. FORCES.

3. WE SYMPATHIZE WITH HARDSHIP POSED FOR EMBASSY EMPLOYEES
BUT DEPARTMENT CANNOT AUTHORIZE BOTH BENEFITS PROVIDED BY
GREEK LAW AND ADVANTAGES CONTAINED IN U.S. LEAVE ACT.
EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK TO MAKE THIS LATTER POINT CLEAR AS IT IS
NOT IN OUR INTEREST TO PROLONG EXPECTATION THAT FINANCIAL

RELIEF FROM WASHINGTON WILL BE SOMEHOW FORTHCOMING. KISSINGER

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